

SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT
2021



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Mission Statement

At the Sons of Norway Foundation, our mission is to share and preserve Nordic heritage, to positively affect our members' lives, and to make Sons of Norway communities better places to live.

Since 1966, we have pursued this mission by supporting our members through scholarship and cultural exchange opportunities providing disaster relief to members in need and funding community programs that celebrate Norwegian heritage and culture.



Dear Sons of Norway Foundation Supporters,

By every measurable metric, 2021 was an incredibly successful year for the Sons of Norway Foundation! We raised over \$1,300,000 to help support our grant and scholarship programs and ensure these programs will be available to members for years to come. We are so grateful for every donation that came in from individuals and lodges, no matter the amount.

In addition to surpassing our fundraising goals, we also increased the amount of money we awarded. We provided over \$146,000 in grants to lodges and community partners and scholarships to support young scholars as they head to post-secondary education in the US and Norway. These programs are critical to maintaining a link to contemporary Norway, providing cultural and learning opportunities to many, and supporting members of our community in need.

We would not have been able to make these great strides without your support.

We are excited about the future of the Sons of Norway Foundation and look forward to working together with you, our friends, and supporters, to produce a lasting impact.

Sincerely,



Emily Stark, Foundation Development Manager



2021 Financial Report

The financial information contained in this report is a condensed version of the fiscal year 2021 unaudited financial statements for the Sons of Norway Foundation. A complete set of all audited financial statements is available by contacting the Sons of Norway Foundation.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is primarily an endowment foundation. Grant and scholarship payouts are based on a percentage of the total assets that are determined by the board of directors. Our commitment is to maintain and grow the charitable assets entrusted to us in a fiscally responsible way. Your financial support helps us achieve this goal and maximize the impact we make.

Statement of Activities Year Ended 12/31/2021

Revenues	
Contributions	\$1,378,292
Investment/sales income	\$156,811
Realized net capital gains	\$6,457
Unrealized net capital gains	\$887,477
Other assets	\$60,849
Total revenues	\$2,489,887
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Deductions	
Scholarship and grant awards	\$146,772
General and administration expenses	\$400,449
Increase in net assets	\$1,942,666
Net fund value as of 12/31/2021	\$11,807,213



We can't say Thank You enough to our donors...

here are some words of gratitude directly from our 2021 Scholarship and Grant recipients

I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to spend a year at a Norwegian folk high school! It has completely changed my life, and I will never forget the amazing people I've met, the things I've learned, and the experiences I've had. Tusen takk (a thousand thanks) to those who helped make this trip possible!

Anja Diedrich



Thank you all so much for your contributions and support this year. I just completed my bachelor's degree in jazz performance and music production from the USC Thornton School of Music, and my Sons of Norway scholarship is directly supporting my dream of being a professional musician. This year I was able to visit Oslo during the Thanksgiving holiday and connect with Norwegian musicians, with who I plan to work in the future. After graduating I plan to stay in Los Angeles, CA, and release an album of original compositions inspired by the fjords, fjell (mountains) and forests of Norway; while teaching music lessons and touring the country with various bands. Thank you so much, your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Andrew Torgelson



Dear donors of the “2021 King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship,” I cannot thank you enough for your generous contributions towards this scholarship which has meant more than you can imagine to me. I spent this past semester in Bø, Norway studying Outdoor Leadership through experiential learning in overnight skiing and kayaking trips. During this time, I have been able to expand my love for the outdoors, gain a new perspective on environmental education, deepen my Norwegian roots, and create lifelong connections with people from all around the world. These memories will stay with me forever.

Olivia Helland



The Norge Community Hall Association wants to thank the Sons of Norway Foundation for helping us make improvements to the hall. The new sign is a source of pride for the Norge Community. Clear identification of the hall has provided a facelift and now all who pass by can read the sign and enjoy the Telemark rosemaling decoration. We are pleased with the results and feel that it has increased the community’s identification of the building and its ties to Norwegian heritage.

The Norge Community Hall Association



Rosemaling Coast to Coast, Inc. is incredibly grateful for the funding received by the Sons of Norway Foundation, and we thank you for your help in supporting our efforts to perpetuate the part of our heritage that is found in the Norwegian folk art of rosemaling. Our virtual convention, which ran from June 21-24, 2021, was a fantastic success! We held a total of 13 classes over the four-day event. There were 78 registered participants representing several different states, Canada, and Brazil. The convention functioned smoothly and was met with positive feedback from the registrants.

Rosemaling Coast to Coast, Inc.



Inspiring a legacy of philanthropy in the Nordic community

The Sons of Norway Foundation's total assets:

\$6.3M in named endowment funds to support scholarships that were started by members and their families

\$276,000 in district- and lodge-specific funds

In 2021 We Awarded:

\$7,968 in camperships for youth to attend Norwegian cultural camps across the U.S.

\$30,990 in grants to local lodges, community partners, and members in need

\$12,000 awarded for American students studying in Norway

\$99,799 awarded for students to study in the US and Canada

Donor Highlight



Donna Windsor

The Sons of Norway Foundation would not have had the successful 2021 that we did without the significant donation made from the estate of Donna Windsor. This generous gift to the Foundation will allow us to increase the amount we can spend supporting our members and furthering our mission. We are forever grateful to Donna and the rest of the Windsor family.

What is a Charitable Bequest?

Charitable bequests are donations that are made as part of a will or trust. Anyone can make a bequest gift—in any amount—to any charitable organization.

Gifts of charitable bequests are critical to the future success of the Sons of Norway Foundation! If you are interested in learning more or in directing a bequest to a specific fund within the foundation, please contact Emily Stark at estark@sofn.com or 612-821-4655.

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